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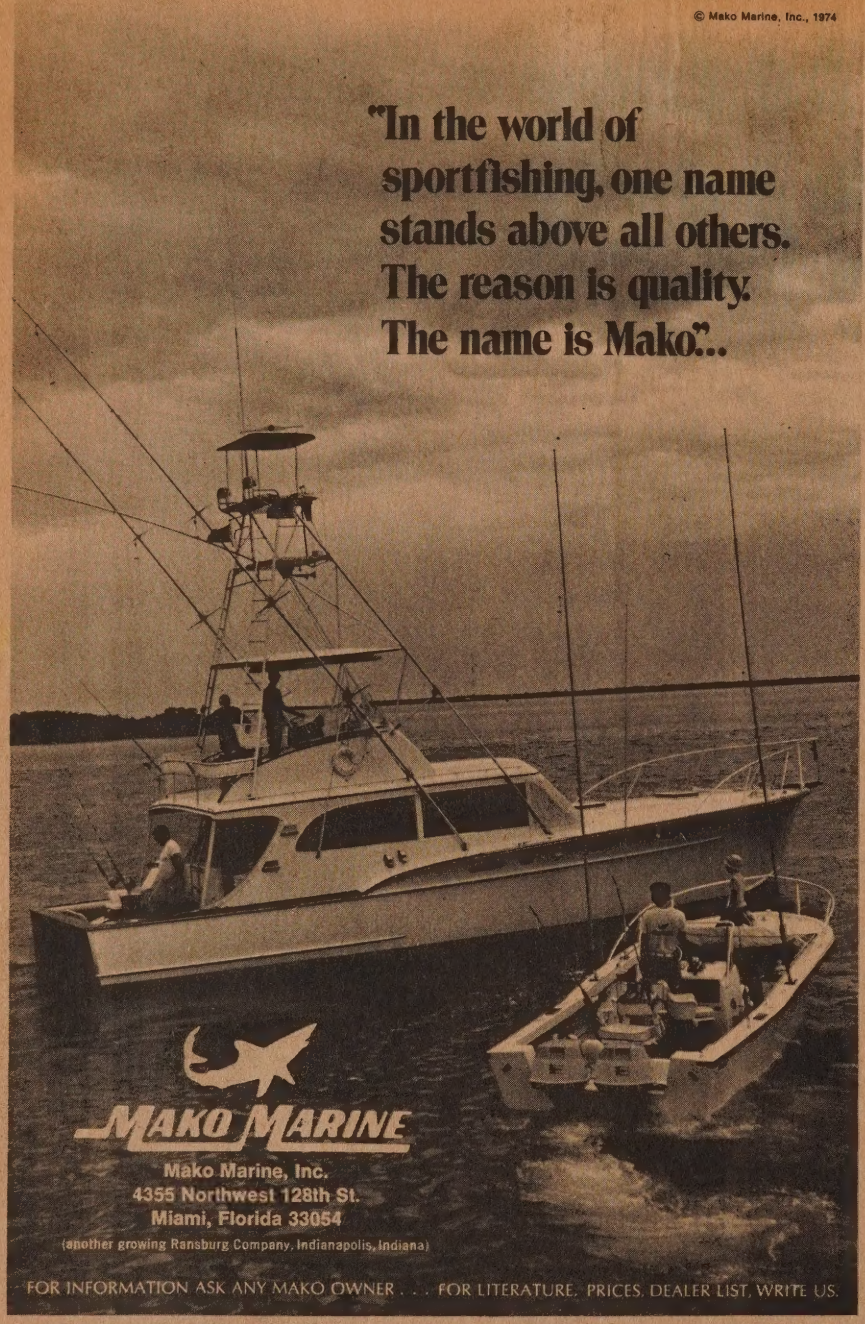
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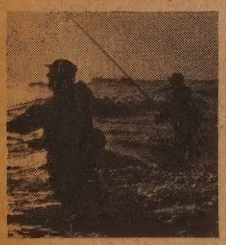

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It's beginning! Many scattered reports of small bass off north and south shore beaches indicate the day of the surfman—1974—is with us. Photo by Dick Mermon.

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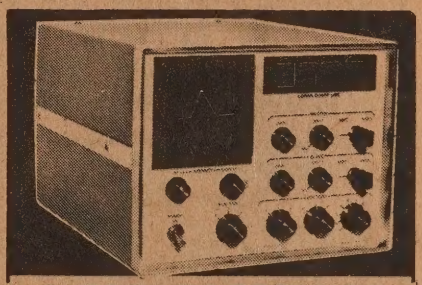

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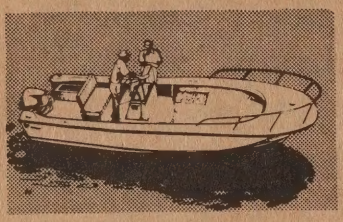

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APPEAL TO FISHERMEN

The following letter was received from the Manager of the Morton National Wildlife Refuge in Sag Harbor:

"We are appealing for your cooperation in asking the fishermen who are attracted to the water around Jessup's Neck to help in keeping the area clean.

The "Neck" is an integral part of this natural area, and over 18,000 visitors came in 1973 to find surcease from crowded living. Many were respectful of the donor's wishes and came away refreshed, leaving it as they found it.

If fishermen land to rest, we ask they not litter, build fires, and use the area as an outhouse. It is quite evident that fishing boats, particularly in the spring, are responsible for the cans, booze bottles, frozen bait boxes, and snelled hook packaging found after any concentration of craft has left.

It is realized that only a small minority are not sportsmen, some are just plain thoughtless, but they can spoil the area for everyone.

Good luck and good fishing.

Sincerely,

Frederick C. Schmid, Mgr."

We apologize to those associated with the refuge—Mr. Schmid, other employees, and the visiting public—for the slobbish behavior of the fishermen using the area. The staff at the Fisherman hopes that only a few pigs are involved; we realize that even a few are too many.

How about shaping-up, fishermen! This kind of activity can only lead to the reputation of all sportsmen as slobs. Boat fishermen have no special rights to litter and cast their wastes out of their boats. This lesson was learned long ago by beach buggy associations of surfmen; some boaters, apparently, are still ignorant and have difficulty behaving properly when using lands or waters other than their own.

BUNKER ARTICLE

I would like to call your attention to a recent article in THE CONSERVATIONIST, April-May, 1974, Vol. 28, No. 5, p. 32, by Charles R. Meyer. THE CONSERVATIONIST is a publication of the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation.

I feel the article, entitled MENHADEN—MYSTERY FISH OF THE COASTAL SEA, is quite informative, and am sure other fishermen would like to read it. Perhaps you might be able to obtain permission to reprint in L.I.F. Roger A. Kele, Nanvet, N.Y.

We have read the article you refer to. We have no plans for reprinting it in The Fisherman, since it could be misleading to the reader.

For the purpose of learning something of the historical interest and significance of the bunker fishery, the article is certainly recommended. The author also presents what is known of the species and makes strong mention that little can be stated as absolute fact regarding the complete life cycle and habits of this fish. This is probably the most important concept revealed to the reader, and should be reflected upon while reading the article.

Unfortunately, if little is known of the total bunker population, almost nothing is known about the Long Island Sound population. The error that could be made is in assuming that commercial fishing is quite safe, and even desirable and necessary in this area, as mentioned by Mr. Meyer.

The truth of the matter is that we do not know the amount of commercial fishing the Sound can sustain, since only opinions, not fact, state what is safe and what can lead to a collapse of our local fishery. And this, of course, is what most of the hassle over the commercial activities is about.

Most sportsfishermen in this area disagree with what has been presented by the commercial interests as "multiple use of the resource," because "multiple use" seems to mean that the netters will take all they can get without regard for any interests other than their own.

We refer the readers to the fact that the Chilean anchovy fishery was only recently opened after its collapse several years ago. The cause of the drastic decline? Primarily—commercial overfishing. Incidentally, we have been told

that the same interests responsible for overfishing anchovies are those that presently ply their trade in Long Island Sound.

LAUNCHING RAMPS

Last spring, I purchased a 14' Star-craft Fishing Runabout. I used the rig a few times at Montauk Point and had to pay the motel owner a daily fee of $2.00 for a parking permit. This allowed me to park at the launching ramp.

I would like to purchase a parking permit allowing me the use of launching permits and for my car, but I do not know where to apply. I would also like to purchase a list of boat launching ramps with maps, as to their location on all of Long Island, public or private water. Any help would be appreciated. Stuart Nathan.

Localities have varying regulations as to their launching and parking requirements. One procedure would be to determine where you want to launch, then call the office of the specific town or county clerk to request the information you need.

A better method might be to obtain a list of public and private ramps by sending a check for one dollar to Nassau County Fish & Game Association, P.O. Box 245, Rockville Centre, New York 11570.

DICK MERMON ON TV

Dick Mermon, a contributing writer to The Long Island Fisherman many times and the L.I. representative for the Shakespeare Co., will appear this Thursday night, April 25th, at 7:30 on the new TV show on channel 67 (UHF) "The Long Island Outdoorsman." Dick will give a few tips on fishing for flounder, mackerel, weakfish and striped bass.

News Releases

BILL TO BAN COMMERCIAL FISHING ON THE NATIONAL SEASHORE

Bill number HR11896, which was introduced by Congressman Forsyth of New Jersey, would ban commercial fishing on the National Seashore and, thereby, prevent the annual winter slaughter of large migratory striped bass. The bill now has five co-sponsors, including Long Island Congressman Norman Lent. Anglers interested in a quality striped bass fishery should not only write to their congressmen, asking them to co-sponsor this legislation, but also to the sub-committee chairman, who must schedule the hearings.

Word from Washington is that the prospects for a hearing are good and all that's needed now is a flood of correspondence to verify the intense interest in this problem.

In addition to your local congressman, letters, postcards, and telegrams should be directed to: Honorable Roy Taylor, Chairman, National Parks and Recreation Subcommittee, Interior Committee, Room 1413A, Longworth House Office Building, Washington, D.C. 20515.

MORE NEEDED ON EXTENDING U.S. OFFSHORE FISHERIES JURISDICTION

Legislation to extend U.S. fisheries jurisdiction continues to make progress. Hearings on the dozens of bills submitted in the House on the subject will be held on May 2 in Portland, Maine and May 3 in New Bedford, Massachusetts. Unfortunately, no hearings have been scheduled for the metropolitan New York area, despite the fact that many congressmen in the area are sponsors or co-sponsors of such legislation.

Representatives Norman Lent and Mario Biaggi are pushing for the hearings to be held in the metropolitan area, but the key man in this instance is Representative James R. Grover, Jr. Grover is the ranking Republican on the House Merchant Marine & Fisheries Committee. The hearings in New England were set in the districts of two of the most junior members of the committee and, obviously, a request from the senior member could hardly be denied.

Coverage by national media would obviously be much better if hearings were held in the metropolitan New York area; this would be very important to the cause of saving our rapidly declining offshore fisheries.

All those residing in Congressman Grover's district are urged to write to him, requesting that he use his influence on the House Merchant Marine & Fisheries Committee to have hearings on bills to extend U.S. fisheries jurisdiction held in the metropolitan area this spring.

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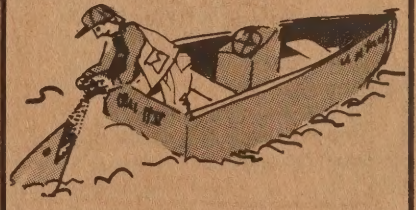
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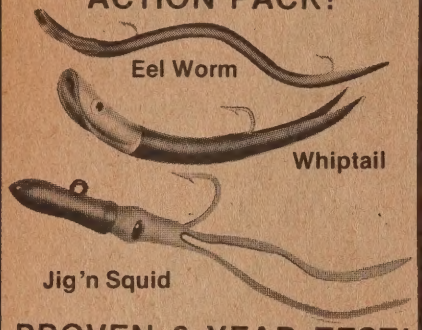

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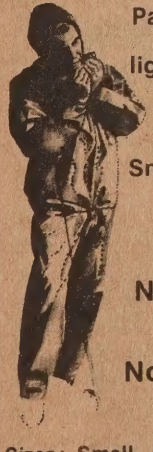

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CLUB NEWS

NORTH SHORE ANGLERS PORT JEFFERSON

Pete Salzman advised us that the North Shore Anglers are having their 1974 Annual Trophy—Dinner Dance on April 27th. It is being held at the Porter-house Riverboat in Smithtown. Special congratulations to Bob Romans and Ron Adams for their 54 lb. 7 oz. & 54 lb. 3 oz. striped bass, respectively.

The North Shore Anglers are open for membership. Anyone interested can call club President Charles Shultz on 724-7181, or Treasurer Pete Salzmann on 981-0170 for information.

FARRAGUT STRIPER CLUB

The Farragut Striper Club recently instituted some noteworthy changes in its by-laws.

The first change requires that no member may be permitted to sell any fish, especially striped bass, under penalty of expulsion from the club. The members and Board of Directors felt that, this being a conservation-minded organization, members should not be selling the same fish they are trying to conserve. This may be one of the first clubs to institute a measure of this kind in the metropolitan area.

The minimum weight for striped bass was changed from five pounds to ten pounds to qualify for club points. They are also encouraging the release and tagging of larger, egg-bearing bass. Several of the members reported tagging fish last year in the 20 and 30 pound class.

At the club's Annual Dinner Dance held on March 30, 1974, Don Lauridia was awarded 1st PLACE for the largest bass, a 38 pounder taken from the surf.

In all, 10 members were given recognition for catching bass over 30 lbs.

SQUAW ISLAND FISHING CLUB ANNOUNCES WEEKEND CONTESTS

The following weekend fishing contests have been scheduled by the Squaw Island Fishing Club:
April 27-28; Spring Flounder
May 18-19; Weakfish
June 1-2; Spring Striped Bass
June 16; Ladies Day
June 29-30; Bayshore Mako
July 6-7; Club Shark
July 20-21; Fluke
July 27-28; Babylon Tuna
Aug. 3-4; Bluefish
Aug. 31-1; Chum Tuna
Sept. 10-12; U.S.A.T.T.
Sept. 21-22; Albacore, Bonita, & Tuna
Oct. 19-20; Fall Striped Bass (Also known as the B&B contest)
Nov. 2-3; Fall Flounder
Nov. 16-17; East Bay Codfish
These dates may be changed somewhat to make things fit.

WOLVERINE SPORTSMEN'S CLUB

New York State Senator Bernard C. Smith will be the guest speaker at the Wolverine Sportsmen's Club yearly open-house meeting, which will be held on May 3 at 8:30 p.m. at the American Legion Building, Main Street in East Islip. All are welcome!

Senator Smith is Chairman of the Committee on Conservation and Recreation, and will answer questions presented by the attendees.

The club will have demonstrations on reloading rifle, pistol and shotgun ammunition, and will feature bullet casting from recycled metals.

YOUNG BOATMAN'S COURSE OFFERED

Bayville: A 4-session course for all youngsters between the ages of 10 and 15 will be given by U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary Flotilla 12-2 of Glen Cove at the Bayville American Legion Hall starting Tuesday, May 7 at 8 P.M. Those who complete the course will be issued the New York State Boating Safety Certificate which enables them to operate a motorboat on State waterways.

The Young Boatman's course is free and is open to sail as well as powerboat enthusiasts. For further information call Flotilla Commander Joseph Weiss at OR 6-7033.

"SALTY" FLYRODDERS MASTER FLYCASTER RALLY

Everyone is cordially invited to attend the "Salty" Flyrodders of New York's Sixth Annual Master Flycaster Rally, which will be held at the Dering Harbor Inn on Shelter Island.

Last year the participants enjoyed a great deal of pleasure battling weakfish and striped bass, and they anticipate this fishing activity to continue during this year's get-together. It will begin on Friday, May 31 and continue through Sunday afternoon, June 2.

A complete itinerary for anglers will encompass both fishing activities and instruction, by Lou Tabory of Scientific Anglers, in flycasting techniques and casting distance.

For further information you must call Lou Rossi on (212) YE 2-1986, **immediately.** All payments in full must be made by May 1, 1974, in order to insure reservations.

Montauk In May

by Ron Onorato

The Aquasport glided out of Montauk Harbor as a rather stiff northwest breeze filled the air. After taking a quick glance at the sloppy sea conditions, George Zola quickly vetoed the plans to run to Block Island. "It will take us quite a while to reach the Block with the sea running like this," commented the skipper.

After briefly surveying the situation, our intrepid leader suggested that we fish under the light at the Point to get out of the wind. "The fish usually move inshore about this time of the year," said George. With that, the boat took off for the lighthouse. After moving into the lee of the land, the motors were shut down.

Since the current was really moving, it would be impractical to anchor: drifting would be better. Bob Gagoots, who was sleeping under the canvas all the while, stirred out of his slumber to join the fishing. We were using stout boat rods with 10 ounces of lead, and a 2/0 hook was rigged to be a couple of feet off the bottom.

George was the first to connect with a fish. I got a few hits, then lifted the rod sharply. Shortly afterwards, I reeled in an energetic cod of about 5 pounds. Action was steady through the entire drift. As soon as we moved offshore, the motors were started and another drift was begun. The fish box was soon filled with school cod and an occasional larger fish of ten pounds or so. The short ride back to the boat ramp was that much better with a full box of cod.

When the spring run of cod begins, Montauk Point is a scene of activity as small boats, as well as the larger party boats, get in on the action. Sometime around the middle of May, when the waters around Montauk Point warm a little, there is a full-scale invasion of school size cod. It is at this time that the angler wishing to fill the freezer goes fishing. The long ride to Block Island isn't necessary.

The month of May is the best time for fishing the inshore waters around Montauk. Small codfish as well as snowshoe flounders move inshore to provide some exciting fishing. Depending on weather conditions, the run of codfish will last through the month of May and into the early part of June. Snowshoe flounders will usually begin their decline by the end of May. At this time of year, the weather is rather nice and you can go fishing in your short sleeves. It is enjoyable to fish for cod in warm weather for a change. After the codfish move out from the inshore waters, they can usually be caught at Block Island throughout the entire summer.

Since, for the most part, your quarries will be on the small side, you must keep this in mind when fishing for them. You must remember that there is a chance for snowshoe flounders as well. I have found that the hi-low rig is the best bet for fishing out here. The rig consists of a codfish hook on top, with a large flounder hook on the bottom.

A 3/0 or 4/0 hook is as large as you need go when seeking these cod. For the oversized flounders, a #5 or #6 hook is about right: Chestertown hooks are the most popular style used. The sinker is attached to the terminal end of the line and, about six inches above the sinker, the flounder hook is connected. Attach the codfish hook approximately 2 feet above the flounder hook.

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The author displays several school sized fish caught at Shagwong Reef.

up to 10 ounces—may be required when the tide runs. 30 pound line is the recommended line, since the lighter test line holds better in a fast current. Around the tide change, when the water runs slack, you can use a much lighter outfit.

Skimmer clam is by far the most popular bait for both cod and flounders. For the codfish, a whole skimmer placed on the hook is usually sufficient. The flounder hook should be baited with the lip or rim of the skimmer. When anchored, and when the tide isn't too strong, you can chum with crushed skimmers or mussels.

At this time of the year, the codfish are usually swimming off the bottom and are susceptible to a properly worked diamond jig. The smaller sizes, of 5 or 6-ounce weight, jigged off the bottom, will work well. Lower the jig to the bottom and turn the reel handle a few times to prevent the jig from fouling: the jig should be two or three feet off the bottom. Lift the rod tip sharply and then lower it. Don't work the jig too vigorously, as the codfish isn't the swiftest of fish and you may not give the fish a chance to hit your lure. When the fish comes for a closer look at the flashy jig, the treble may hit the fish, so many times you will be playing foul-hooked cod.

There are many areas around Montauk Point that are productive. The famed Shagwong Reef is the scene of hot snowshoe and codfish action throughout most of the month of May. Washington Shoal is another hot spot for late May action. You can fish at the "elbow," just below the light. Great Eastern is another good spot to try. If you are unfami-

(Continued on page 9).

Try Snowshoes

by Matt Ahern

Until that evening in late April, snowshoe flounders had been the furthest thing from my mind. However, that was soon to change as my buddy Nick pulled his pickup into the driveway.

"Just the guy I want to see," he said. "Take a look back there."

In a fish box lay six of the nicest snowshoe flounders I had seen in some time, fish that would run between three and four pounds.

"Got them on Washington Shoals off Montauk this afternoon," he explained. "Took nine others just like them, and a couple of small cod; you can have those six, if you want."

Two hours later, Nick and I were still on the subject of snowshoes. Flounders this size are always a fascinating subject to a fisherman, especially when one knows they are not difficult to catch if properly fished for.

That these flounders attain such a respectable size, sometimes going over five pounds, surprises some fishermen used to the smaller bay fish, but on the George's Bank, many miles northeast of Long Island, they are caught commercially to eight pounds. Some reports make mention of an occasional ten pounder.

The flatfish family consists of over 500 varieties, and many fishermen think of the snowshoe as a separate member. This is not so. It has been established that the snowshoe is really a king sized version of our common winter flounder. A flounder that, for some unknown reason, has gotten away from the protected bays and made it on his own in the open ocean.

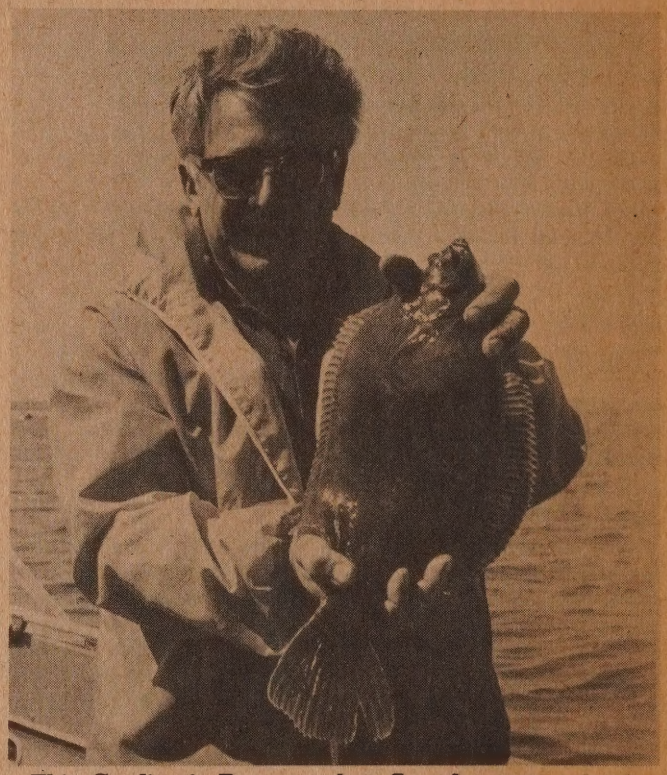
Unfortunately, these extra large flounders do not spend much time in the easily fished local waters. Their season, compared to the common winter flounder, is very short, and not too many are taken before the third week in April. When that time arrives, they can be caught in the open ocean close enough to the Montauk shoreline to make fishing for them very popular, especially to the small boat owner.

Later, as May progresses and the water warms, they begin fanning out to deeper offshore grounds. It is then they are caught in substantial numbers around Block Island and its adjacent waters.

The rigging for snowshoes in the open ocean is just about the same as for bay flounders, but on a larger and heavier scale. Two number four Chestertown hooks, tied tandem style, are usually considered the best type, but another hook which seems to work very well is the number four Sproat. Remember, though, whatever hooks you decide to use, they must be larger than the ordinary flounder hooks.

A smaller hook will take these out-sized flounders, of course, but as you will be fishing in the ocean, one can never tell when a good-sized cod or pollack will pick up a bait intended for a flounder. It is then you will need the extra strength the larger hook affords in order to avoid having it straightened. It is good insurance knowing this hook will hang onto whatever may come your way.

The possibility of such a cod and pollock being present makes it a good idea to tie a 6/0 Sproat about three feet above the sinker. Cod and pollock cruise these offshore grounds all year long, and if you bait up with a piece of skimmer clam on that high hook, you stand a good chance of getting one.



This Gardiner's Bay snowshoe flounder took a bank mussel bait in early May last year.

It is best it use a conventional reel equipped with a star drag, and fill it with twenty pound test monofilament. Some fishermen like to use thirty pound test mono instead, but I believe the twenty to be better for this type of fishing. If you have your star drag adjusted properly, you will be able to handle any large cod or pollock you encounter without difficulty, and the lighter line will enable you to use lighter sinkers. Your rod should have backbone enough to handle your fish in the fairly deep water you will be fishing. A medium-heavy boat rod should fill the bill nicely.

Your sinkers should be of the bank type, and because of the currents you are apt to encounter, they should be on the heavy side. Take along a supply of various weights, also some extra hooks. It is always possible to loose terminal tackle on the rough bottom you are apt to find from time to time.

The snowshoe will rapidly accept the same baits as used for the bay flounder, the difference being, of course, the bait must be in larger portions. The toothless mouth of the snowshoe demands the use of soft bait, and there is none softer than the fresh bank, or ribbed, mussel. This is also the best bait to use for chum. It is easily obtainable at most bait stations.

Some fishermen drop these mussels in a bucket containing a little water and steam them for a few seconds. When the shells open, the meat is removed and a little salt added. While this method may be convenient and time saving, it has one drawback: it tends to toughen the meat a little more than

considered desirable. The extra time needed to shuck them from the shell, without the aid of steaming, will pay for itself by putting more fish in the bucket. At least, this has been proven so from my own experiences. Granted, they are harder to keep on the hook in this condition, but if you run the hook through several times, they will stay on long enough to entice the fish.

Most complaints made by fishermen concerning the difficulty they have keeping fresh mussel on the hook are made by fishermen who cast with them. Of course, they have a point, but when you fish for snowshoes you will be fishing from a boat where it isn't necessary to cast to the fish. And since you will be chumming a good deal of the time, the fish will be quite close to the boat, especially if you use a chum pot. Many times, if the tide is strong, you may have to weight the pot, thereby bringing the fish right under the boat.

Fresh skimmer clam is another good bait; especially the rim, or lip. This should be put on in such a way as to allow it to trail and move in the tide. Should you use this bait, be sure to cut the large, meaty tongue into narrow strips. Make your bait as attractive as possible. Bait that is bunched in an unnatural way will always take fewer fish, whether they be snowshoes or any other kind.

Most fishermen associate snowshoe flounders with Block Island and the open ocean, possibly because over the years this area has received most of the publicity. But they are found in several other places as well.

Great Peconic Bay and Gardiner's Bay have a good population of these fish at the beginning of the season. Look for them around Cartwright Island, Promised Land, and Cedar Point. They will sometimes work as far west as Nassau Point and Robbins Island. In fact, these places also produce good-sized flounders in the fall.

It is these areas where lighter tackle, including spinning outfits and eight pound test line, can be enjoyed. The further west you fish, the less the likelihood of finding cod or pollock, so you can dispense with the large 6/0 hook, However, I would still use the larger flounder hooks. Surprisingly, these grounds produce flounders that go to five pounds. Most will be under this weight, but seldom on a good day will they be under three.

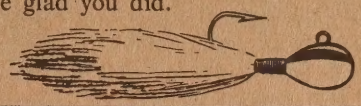
The best way to fish these shallow water areas is to drift until you get your first fish, then anchor and begin to chum with cracked mussels or broken skimmer clams.

As with all types of chumming, the secret is not to overdo. Use just enough to whet the appetite and set the fish off on the prowl for more. If the tide is not too strong, crunch some mussels and toss them against the current, far enough away so that most of them will come to rest under the boat. If the tide is too strong for this, you will find a weighted chum pot very useful. Fill it with either cracked mussels, frozen ground skimmers, or fresh skimmers which have been halved to let the juice flow into the tide.

Along with the use of the weighted pot, you should put on a heavy sinker, heavy enough to hold bottom without moving, and fish as close as possible to the chum pot. You will find the fish lurking there, feeding on the chum as it sifts out of the pot.

All those areas mentioned have fishing stations where bait and up to date information is available. Don't hesitate to ask the best places to fish. Then go out and get some of those king-sized flounders.

You'll be glad you did.



MONTAUK IN MAY

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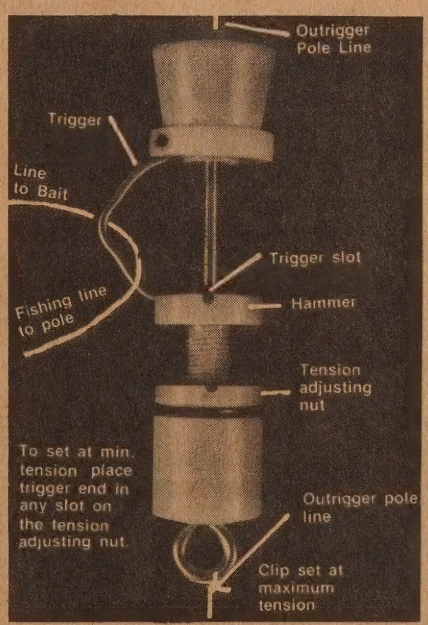
liar with the area, look for the party boats or charter boats. They will usually head for the most productive areas.

The one good thing about this type of fishing is the fact that it is well within the reach of the average small boat owner. There is a very good boat ramp in Montauk Harbor. If you are making a long trip, then you can stay for several days at one of the many fine motels that are available. If you don't own your own boat, you can still get in on this hot fishing. There are over a dozen party boats sailing from Montauk Point. Some larger ones make the long run to Coxe's Ledge for giant cow cod. Others sail locally for codfish and snowshoe flounder. If you have several interested people, you can charter one of the many fine boats that are available. It is a little expensive, but it is worth it in the way of accomodations and service, as well as in the fish caught.

While most of the other areas of the Island are experiencing only fair fishing, Montauk in May will provide all the action that you could want. Give it a try.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Go Light For Best Results

by William N. Herold

With the advent of trout season, I would like to put in my pitch for ultra-light spinning gear. In my estimation there is no finer tool geared to catch trout—big trout! Let me explain what I consider to be ultra-light spinning tackle.

Ultra-light, as I refer to it, is any rod under 5 feet in length and 1½ ounces in weight. It is, also, lines testing at no more than 2 pounds. As you would expect, this limits one's selection considerably. It is surprising how many of these little "wands" are in commercial production today. Virtually every large manufacturer carries a line of rods in this size category. These manufacturers also have tiny spinning reels which match up with the rods. With the reels, as well as the rods, the selection is surprisingly large. Line and hook are all one needs to complete the picture.

Hooks in sizes 10, 12, and 14 are preferred for light line usage, and only quality lines are acceptable under ultra-light conditions. Obviously, line is the most important facet of this style of fishing. In my opinion, any monofilament testing over 2 pounds defeats the purpose of "ultra-light" fishing. I will try to explain my reasons for relegating myself to 2 lb. test, and lighter.

For the past eight years I have used exclusively this gossamer line in my spin fishing for trout. When I first employed these fine lines, it was readily apparent to me that my number of strikes was consistently greater than with heavier tests. It stands to reason that these lines, with their tiny diameter, afford you more chances to catch fish.

I'll accept the potential of more break-offs as well, but it is a game of percentages here. Trout are wary fish, and diameter and color of line are all-important when you are trying to coax some hook-nosed brown to take your bait. With these lines, your chances of a large fish accepting your bait are tripled. It is simple: fish see heavier lines with thicker diameters and reject the offerings because of it. The number of fish you catch will be greater when you use these lines because they afford you many more strikes; i.e., opportunities!

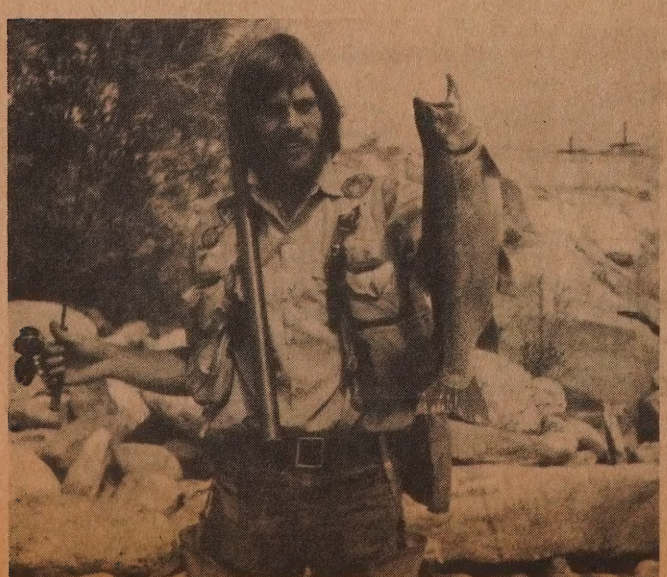
Ultra-light gear has all sorts of advantages. One which is really important to me is the sensitivity of this tackle. It telegraphs every impulse of action to your hand. You can feel the slightest tap at which the big trout are so adept.

Now to the obvious question of line strength. These light monofilaments will do the job, I assure you. I can vividly recall one day while fishing a stream in the heart of the Catskills. It was a weekend in late August, and several other fishermen were enjoying the lower stretches of this particular creek. My wife and I were having an enjoyable time with brown trout up to 12". I had fished flies earlier in the morning with good results, but later I switched to bait so that my wife could participate more evenly.

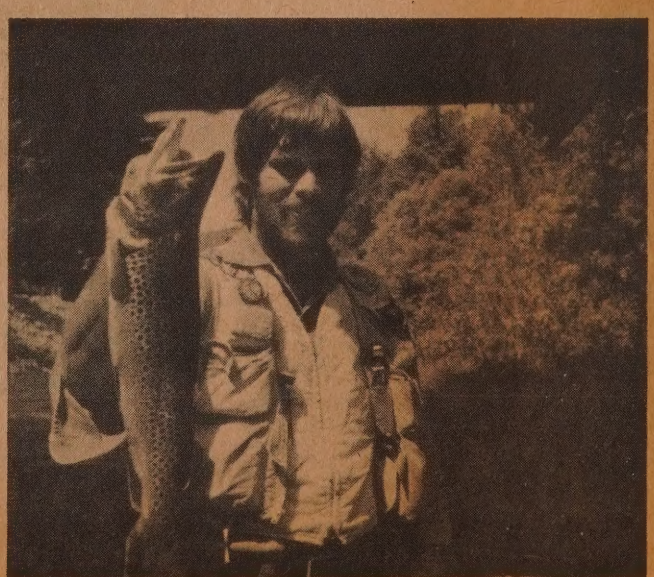
In one pool we picked up a pair of brilliantly colored natives. We photographed the fish and started to head upstream to where the creek passed under the road. We had a fun day and had resigned ourselves to going home. As we approached the bridge I noticed a nice cut under a large tree. Being a typically neurotic fisherman, I had to make that inevitable "last cast!" As my minnow was sucked under the root system by the current, I noticed a gush of water. I figured it to be caused by a muskrat. When I leaned back on the 2 lb. test the water erupted.

The creek at this point was a mere four feet in width, so any fish of respectable size was going to have his presence felt. This particular fish was respectable—to say the least! It was as if a log had gone beserk. After a couple of rocket runs around this bathtub of a pool, the trout headed back into the roots. I could feel the line rubbing on submerged roots, but the light drag prevented a break-off.

After several minutes of constant pressure, he came tearing out of the root system and headed due south. Thank goodness for felt-soled waders! I



Author with 6½ lb. rainbow on 2 lb. test. Note leather case for fly outfit which normally hangs in back.



The classic 21½" brown—as referred to in article—taken from a small creek in the Catskills.

ended up some hundred yards downstream before I was able to slip my hand under a classic 21½" brown trout. After my wife took some snapshots of the fish, I checked my line. Although it was frayed slightly, it still had plenty of strength left!

At first the angler will lose a certain amount of fish while adjusting his technique to light lines. One must first get used to a very light drag setting, and applying a slight but authoritative strike when a fish takes. More importantly, you must have confidence in the tackle. It is really difficult at first to believe that the flimsy stick in your hand will be capable of bringing in those larger trout. Believe me, it will! My little 1 ounce, four-foot four-inch rod has performed admirably for me over the years. It has accounted for many trout over 20 inches and up to 7½ lbs. (The accompanying photos speak for themselves. All the fish I have caught on 2 lb. or 1 lb. test.)

The feeling of a large fish on ultra-light gear can't be adequately described by me. It is simply great! The key point to make here is that small fish on this tackle take on a new perspective. A fish of eight inches on standard gear is a relatively ho-hum affair. The same fish on an ultra-light rig is no token event—it's a lot of fun.

The plaudits for this microscopic gear are many. As stated before, it gets those pugnacious old trout to the business end of your line. That in itself is reason enough to employ ultra-light tackle; but there are more reasons. The portability of these tiny rods is such a convenience. I have seen men become frustrated on small, overgrown streams due to unsuitably large outfits, but I have never seen a brook or stream that my little rod could not negotiate. Weaving in and out of brush and trees is no bargain with conventional tackle, but with a rod the size of a cane it is no problem. Another positive aspect is the fact that most of the over-grown, inhospitable streams are the most productive and least pressured.

As the name implies, weight problems are virtually non-existent with "ultra-light" gear. This feature has one great advantage for me personally. It opens up a new horizon on each fishing trip: fly fishing. Let me explain. Due to the feather weight qualities of my spinning outfit, I can easily tote along my comparable ultra-light fly fishing outfit. So, if I am fishing along some remote creek, miles from my car, I can quickly convert to fly fishing.

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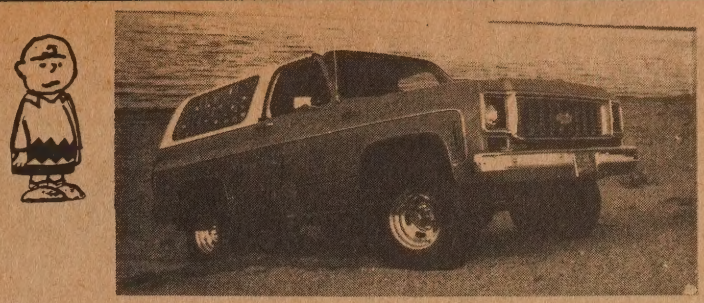

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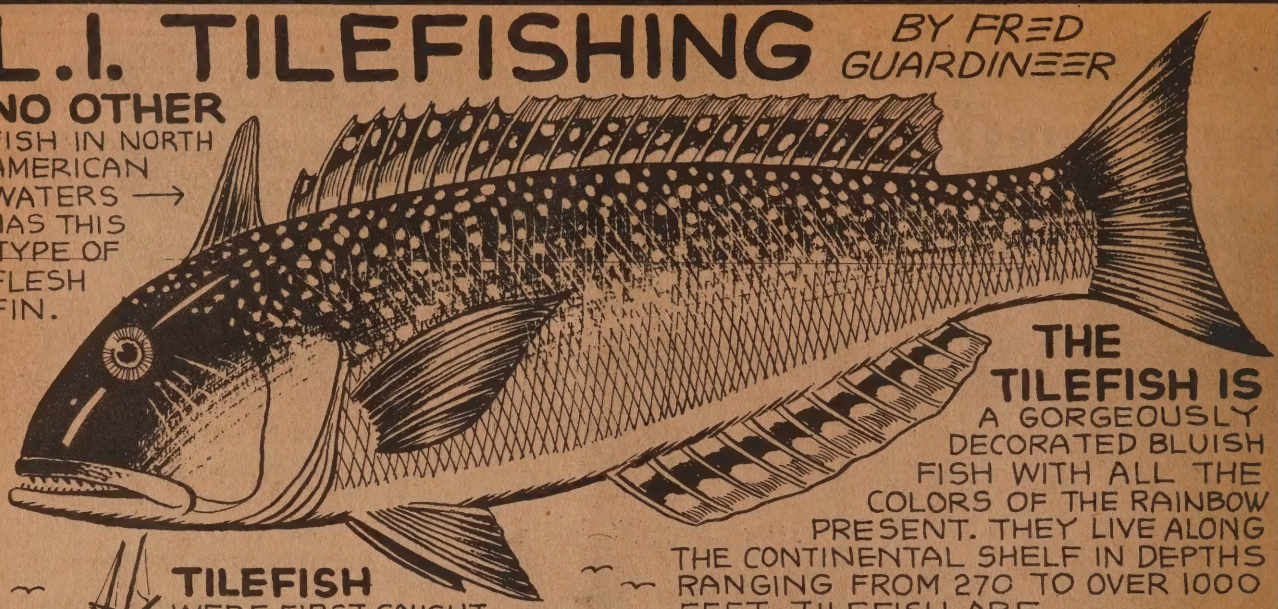

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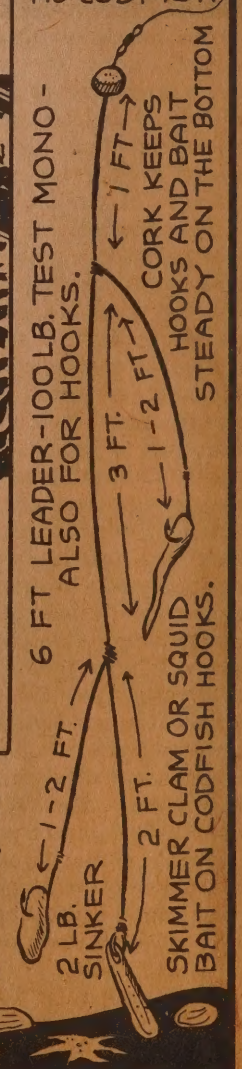

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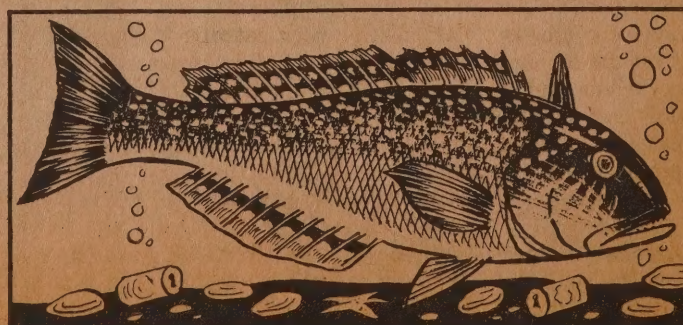

White Perch-Spring Run

by Bill Carll

White perch will hit on small spinners, plugs and spoons, as well as on live bait.

A member of the seabass family, white perch frequent brackish bays and riviers around Long Island. They usually start their spring spawning run the end of April to mid-May, depending on water temperature. Once the run is on, perch school in great numbers and ascend rivers until stopped by dams or other obstacles. In areas where there are no large rivers or streams, these fish will gather at the deltas or mouths of creeks. These areas below dams or mouths of streams are where perch will begin their spawning, but when the fish arrive they'll be hungry and happy to take your offerings.

A light, fresh water spinning outfit with 6-8 pound test mono will handle any perch you might hook. I've seen people fishing for them with outfits better suited for Atlantic Salmon; this takes all the sport out of catching these little gamesters.

Small spoons, spinners, plugs, and jigs are all effective on white perch. The colors to stay with are silver for spoons or spinners and yellow or white for jigs and plugs. Natural baits include nightcrawlers, garden worms and small killies one to two inches long. A good combination bait is a spinner (single or double) with a worm or live killie on a #8 or #10 hook.

Many fresh water fishermen consider white perch a pest, usually weighing only a few ounces. This isn't the case in brackish waters; these fish have a good food supply and grow much larger than their landlocked cousins. Average perch run from a half-pound to three-quarters, and in some of the larger rivers, two pound fish are not uncommon.

Best places to fish are: Peconic River, Riverhead; Nissequogue River, Smithtown; Connetquot River, Oakdale. These are some of the larger rivers that have perch runs; however, there are many smaller streams around the Island that also have them, and now is the time to start looking.

Because you are fishing tidal waters you should know when high and low tide are. Incoming and outgoing tides are usually the best. Perch feed day and night, so if they start hitting just before dark, don't worry about them stopping; they'll feed all night if the tide is right.

The big plus about perch fishing is the fine eating. Perch have a firm, white flesh when cooked and a flavor that is very similar to that of the striper, to which they are related.

In cooking your catch, roll the prepared fish (I usually fillet larger ones) in flour, then dip in egg, roll in bread crumbs, fry slowly for about 20 minutes. Besides these delicious fillets, don't overlook the roe (fish eggs.) Lightly fried to a golden brown, roe is a real treat.

White perch fishing can be great fun for young and old. Take only what you can use, so future generations can enjoy this fish.

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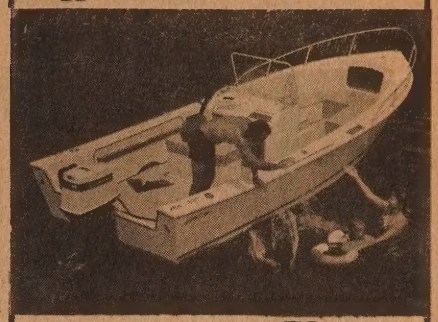

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MACKEREL
One At A Time

by Don Vetter

Twice each year the waters off Long Island's south shore play host to vast schools of mackerel; once in the spring and again in the fall. For some reason the fall run receives but little attention while the spring hordes of macks, which invade the waters of the Sound and Peconic Bay as well as infesting the ocean in unbelievable numbers, are met with considerable enthusiasm by a majority of anglers. Perhaps the answer to this apparent anomaly lies in the fact that aside from some scattered winter-over stripers, mackerel are the first real gamefish to become available to fishermen in any great numbers when they put in their appearance, usually about mid-April.

Scomber scombrus, the common or "Boston" mackerel, is a member of the same family as tuna, bonito and albacore. Mother nature designed the mackerel without the swim-bladder which most other pelagic fish possess. It is this bladder which allows most species to hover almost motionless at any given depth if they so desire. With poor old *Scomber* it is literally a case of sink or swim; he is fated like the flying Dutchman of lore to roam the seas forever in perpetual motion. This necessity to swim constantly without rest is in part responsible for the amazing strength of these tiny torpedoes. With his round, lean-tapered body and large, deeply forked tail the mackerel looks like the speedster he is. The irridescent green back with its distinctive vermiculations, shading to silvery sides and white belly, render him a handsome fish.

Roaming the seas with his large eyes constantly on the alert for any baitfish which will fit into his rather large mouth, the mackerel is a feast or famine fish in that if any are present at all, there will be plenty more in the vicinity. They are a classic example of schooling fish; lone mackerel are not to be found. Like the "tinker" mackerel which were held by many to be a separate subspecies, but are now generally conceded to be the young of the common mackerel, "Bostons" are characterized by tiny scales of which they are divested by even the most careful handling.

Departing from the docks aboard a mackerel-bent party boat to that unique aroma compounded of Diesel fumes, sea air and somewhat odiferous bunker chum, I leaned on the dew-wet rail to contemplate the glorious blue and gold morning as the first breeze ruffled the mirror-like water into a shimmering mass of wavelets. As the craft gathered way to the deepening thunder of the engines and the wind of passage tousled my hair, I observed my fellow fares as they rigged their heavy conventional rods with what has become the standard mackerel terminal tackle.

The "Christmas Tree" rig, composed of a swarm of four to six plastic "tinker tubes"—usually red in color and affixed to the line on short snells at intervals of about ten inches—with a diamond jig at the bottom, is the bread and butter mackerel rig. Bait fishing for these fish is almost unknown, the action being too fast to justify the bother when they are really running well. There are variations on this rig, with a Hopkins or heavy bladed spoon in place of the diamond jig, or the newer mylar bodied, clear plastic coated tube lures instead of the colorful "tinker tubes." Though I can't deny that the standard rig and variations thereon are the most effective way to slay macks and will allow you to fill your bushel basket or burlap bag in short order, I do indeed question why in hell anyone would want to "knock them dead" to that extent.

For all their fighting qualities these little (1-to 2-pound average, reaching upwards of 4 pounds on occasion) gamesters do not rank high as an eating fish in my book. Though smoked mackerel have their partisans, and I'm equally sure there are scores of anglers with various esoteric recipes to make *Scomber scombrus* a culinary delight (if you believe them), I've yet to be shown an oilier fish. Add to this the fact that mackerel spoil rather quickly once caught, and those bulging sacks you see dragged off head boats at the end of the day make still less sense.

Aside from any conservation considerations, multiple hook rigs detract from your sport in several ways. First of all, the fact that they are intended to take several fish at a time and swing their combined weight over the rail necessitates rather heavy tackle. Secondly, and even more important, when you have two or more macks hooked at the same time their not-inconsiderable stamina is being expended in fighting each other rather than the rod; imagine if you will four or five mackerel hooked on the same rig, all attempting to swim in different directions. The net effect is to reduce a fine gamester to a writhing mass of meat for the table to be hauled up as quickly as possible, dumped in the sack, and back for another load. Popular it may be, but to me this method is about as sporting as fishing with a hand grenade (which is really effective, believe me!).

Though practiced for years on private boats, there are still very few anglers who will fish light tackle for macks aboard party boats. There is no real reason why head boats should be given up as the exclusive domain of the heave and haul artists, for with a bit of discretion you can go rather light aboard one without getting "Hungry Harry" mad at you while he seeks to slay every fish in the ocean with his 20-hook super-duper rig.

Keep in mind that a four pound mackerel is the exceptional fish and you will have a valid starting point in your choice of tackle; any outfit capable of heaving 4 pounders over the rail will be more than sufficient. This allows medium weight freshwater (one-handed) rods with reels to match filled with 6 pound test mono. Although bunker chum is used to attract the school as in head-boat bluefishing, it is used much more sparingly. Once the fish are really running well they will more often than not be found all around the boat. The up-tide side of the boat is often all but deserted and presents a wonderful arena for the light tackle man.

Choice of lures is largely academic, for macks are not

choosey feeders; anything that moves and/or glitters looks like a free lunch to a hungry Boston. Among the metal lures, Hopkins, Sidewinder and Sprite are good in the ½ ounce range, but the small Demon is even better. Bucktails or nylon jigs in white and the small Bait Tail or the Lupo Silver Bullet are also effective. Though not in the same league as the weakfish, mackerel have a rather delicate mouth and a treble, or at least a double hook, will hold the fish better than a single when you play the fish rather than horse them in, and play them you must on light outfits.

The depth at which you work your lure may be important at times when the macks tend to "stratify" and feed at one particular depth. At such times a lure worked too deep or too shallow will receive scant attention. Start to count when your lure hits the water and increase the count on successive casts until you find the depth at which they are feeding. At other times the macks will be found at all levels to the extent that the sea would appear to be alive with them from top to bottom. Then you can do no wrong at whatever depth you choose to work your lure.

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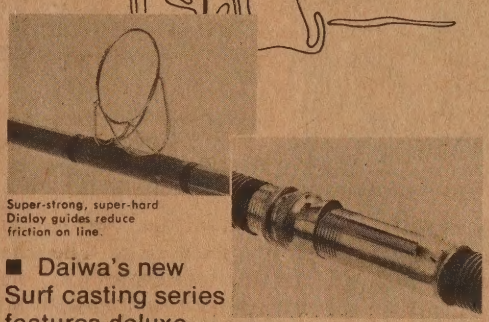

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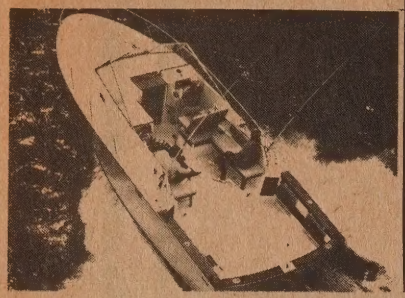

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SOUTH SHORE Fishing Report

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Plenty of spring cod every day according to Dick Rade of the **Marlin III**. Block Island and Cartwright are still producing well. Along with the cod, blackfish and pollack are being caught. Last Friday they hauled in over 800 fish for 33 men. All these were caught at the Submarine buoy.

The **Viking Star** as reported by Mrs. Forsberg has had pretty good fishing all week long. The majority of the fishing has taken place around Block Island. The snowshoe flounder fishing is not yet worth talking about as yet.

Capt. Tom Mc Cann of the **Hound Dog** reports very good pollack and cod fishing at the Submarine buoy. They have caught cod between six and eight pounds and pollack up to 15 pounds. Diamond jigging for these fish has proven very successful.

Capt. Larry Keller of the **Jean Three** called to tell us about a charter by Capt. Clarance Dickenson and party that took 16 pollack from 15-25 lbs., and 78 cod from 8-30 lbs. Trips are averaging 1000 lbs. each, mostly cod.

John Keller of the **Lake Montauk Marina** reported that the small boats are finding plenty of small cod and snowshoe flounder at the outer buoy of Shagwong and Washington Shoals. Good catches of small cod also at Great Eastern.

Ronnie D'Albora of the **Gone Fishing Marina** said the snowshoes and small cod are a 50-50 mix at Shagwong. Snowshoes are off to a good start and should be in solid by the weekend. Average catch per boat is about 15 flounder in the 2-2½ lb. range. An abundance of small cod for the larger boats at the Southwest Ledge and Great Eastern.

PROMISED LAND

Art Brand of the **Promised Land Fishing Station** said that fishing was generally slow on Saturday and blown-out on Sunday. Best spots on Saturday were Can 3 and off Goff Point. The snowshoes were 1½ lbs. and up with several large blackfish up to 7-8 lbs. mixed in. Hi-hook for flounder was 35, average 8-12 per boat. Still a little eary for Tobaccolot Bay snowshoes. Art said that a break in the weather this week should see the fishing break wide open.

SAG HARBOR

Barbara Smith of the **Noyac Marina** reported excellent fishing when the weather is right. On Saturday Robert Khouri, Herman Klein and Arthur Milstein, all of Brooklyn, fished the point Jessup Neck and had 30 keepers. They averaged 1-1¾ lbs., largest going 2½ lbs. They used worms, mussel and clams. Marty and Dolores Colleary of Locust Valley and Noyac also fished Jessups and had 30 nice flounder 1-1½ lbs. on worms and mussel chum.

Excellent flounder fishing on Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday was had by the fares on board the **Capt. Clark II.** On Saturday it fell off sharply, according to Capt. Bellows, Sr. Sunday the fishing picked up again. They have been fishing near Cedar Point and Threemile Harbor. Some big flounders of two and one half pounds and better have been caught. According to Capt. Bellows log the fish are coming in late.

SHINNECOCK

Micky of **C. Altenkirch & Son** reported excellent flounder fishing in Shinnecock Bay at the old Basket Area inside the inlet. Weakfish are being taken in the gill nets and should be getting caught on hook and line in the canal by the time this report is read. Small bass are being taken down at the bathing beach on Hopkin and Redfin lures.

The open boat **Capt. Clark** is fishing in the Peconic Bay at Caw Neck and Nassau Point. Although they have been doing well on the regular sized flounder, the big ones over two pounds are still a little sparse. The are being caught in increasing quantities. The first blackfish was caught on Thursday. On Friday over 60 blacks were caught on the Peconic wrecks.

HAMPTON BAYS

Tony at **Tony's Fishing Station** said there was very good flounder fishing in the buoy 18 and 16 area and the

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Ernie at **Bradley's Fishing Station** said that fishing is very good when the wind is down. Good catches from buoys 27, 29 and the basket area. Chumming is a must for improved catches.

MORICHES BAY

Chet from **B & B Tackle** reports good flounder fishing. At buoy 50 some monster two pounds and better flounders were caught. Dyed clams did the trick on these fish. Stripers were caught in the surf. A fair amount were caught. The bast catch so far was 24 keepers but Chet said the average was more like three or four. The greater majority were caught on lures rather than bait. Bucktails seem to be favored. Joe Gregory caught a weakfish of five pounds estimated weight at buoy 27. He was using a small yellow bucktail. He returned this fish to the water.

Dick from **Seatuck Cove Fishing Station,** in the Moriches-Eastport area called to tell of excellent flounder fishing over the weekend. All of his boats were out and all came back with 30-50 flounder per boat. Fish were fat and scrappy and jumbo for the weekend ran 3 lbs. even. Bloods and clam bait and mussel chum. Seatuck Cove and buoy 42 areas were areas that produced.

A great weekend for flounder fishing was reported by Romano Seaford of the **Silly Lily Fishing Station.** Big flounders averaging one pound to one and one half were being brought in by the boats. Average catch was 50 to 60 flounders with several boats coming in with over 100. Mussel chumming is a must for these large catches. The flats off buoy 42 and off the Coast Guard Station. The bait is worms and clams with the bigger flounder taking the clam bait.

MASTIC BEACH

Ron at **Keenan's Fishing Station** reports the flounder fishing is very good, with seeming to be bigger this year than last. Depending on the expertise of the fishermen, boats are running 25-85 fish per boat. Mussel and worm baits with lots of mussel chum are the ticket. Outgoing water seems best. Fair weakfish on the artificial shrimp in the buoy 17 area.

WEST SAYVILLE

Dennis of the **South Bay Fishing Station** said that fishing was excellent on Saturday due to the good weather. Low score per boat was 20 fish, hi-hook 60-70 flounder per boat. Best bets are south of buoy 29 and off Heckscher. On Sunday, Danny De Jesus and his three kids took 76 fish. The mixed bag included a half-dozen flounder around two pounds, a few blackfish and a few eels.

CAPTREE

Capt. Roman of the **Captree Queen** says the flounders are out there but a little working of the baits is necessary. He suggests that if you bounce the sinker a couple of inches off the bottom for a while and then let it rest a half minute. Then with a slow lift check to see if something is trying to walk off with your bait. When you feel this, continue to lift the fish about a foot off the bottom and with a quick snap of your wrist you set the hook. Now you can reel in the fish. The people who fish this way come in with fairly decent bag of fish while those who set up too fast are losing them.

The **Capt. Richie** reports the flounder fishing has been on the slow side. They have been moving around and find fish at every stop. By moving like this a decent catch can be had. Staying at the rail and sticking with it is the answer.

The **Capt. Scotty** had spotty flounder fishing this past week as reported by George Tweedy. George said the mackerel are at the Whistle buoy and he is going for them this Wednesday.

BABYLON

Capt. Frederick of the **Flying Dutchmen** sailed on Saturday with 24 fares and on Sunday with 26. Saturday the flounder catch was 50 fish. On Sunday it improved somewhat with 70 fish being caught. The areas fished were just west of Captree Bridge and also on the eastern side in the northern part of the bay. It was a day of constant movement with fish being picked up at all stops.

Mario at **Hi-Hook Fishing Station** says the flounder are pretty good behind the Babylon Pool and at Gross Island. Worms and mussels are the bait.

Jean Principe at **Augie's Bait & Tackle** reports the dock fishermen are still taking a fair amount of flounder. Also at Good Samaritan Hospital and the Captree Bridge the flounders are fair. Mackerel are at the Whistle Buoy.

Freshwater fishing reports from **Babylon Sports Center** are that the streams surrounding Belmont Lake are producing trout for the worm fisherman. Further east at the Southhaven Park area the lower lake is giving up two to three pound trout on worms. The upper lake also has this large sized trout and the small jointed Rebel seems to work best.

LINDENHURST

Charlie's Bait & Tackle said that the fishermen are killing the flounder at Fox Creek, State Channel and the Sore Thumb. Also at the Sore Thumb they are picking up some blackfish. These blacks are taking either the flounder bait or fiddler crabs. Blacks are only one or two pounds. The fishermen are also chumming mackerel off Fire Island Inlet.

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AMITYVILLE

Maria Combs of **Combs Bait & Tackle** said that her husband George, along with Richie Kasta of the N.Y. Jets football team, Dick Mermon and Dick's son Richard all went flounder fishing. They were in Baldwin Bay area at Squaw Island where mussel chumming got them 150 keeper size flounders in three hours. George also said that several weakfish and small striped bass have been caught in the State Channel.

WANTAGH

Frank at **Causeway Bait & Tackle** said that Lenny Cassiopo went out with some friends and if he would stop running around in his new boat and anchor they would have had nice flounder fishing. The tides were off making for a smaller catch than usual. Cedar Beach and Point Lookout had striper fishermen picking up shorts on sand worms.

SEAFORD

Frank Jr. at **Del's Fishing Station** reported a party of two caught 45 flounders of about one pound at the Four Corners on blood worms. On Thursday between the first and second bridges, Natale and Angus caught 48 flounders. Joe Shirelli on Sunday caught 11 big flounders over two pounds in the same area.

Mike's Rowboat Station reports the Four Corners and a little further out from it has been very productive.

MERRICK

Frank at **Merrick Marine** said the Merrick Bay area has had good flounder fishing. Some weakfish reports from the Zacks Bay area but no confirmation as yet.

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FREEPORT

The open boat **Capt. Al** fished offshore for cod, blacks and mackerel. The cod and blacks were caught in fair amounts but the mackerel made up the bulk of the catch.

Capt. Jordan Hall of the charter boat **Dock One** sailed on both days of the weekend. He took his parties mackerel fishing and made out well. Sunday was better than Saturday. Capt. Hall says the mackerel are in strong. They also caught some herring mixed in with the mackerel.

Capt. Bob Ceglowski of the open boat **Sea Hunter** reports excellent mackerel fishing. They found their mackerel about ten minutes out of Jones Inlet. On Sunday two of his fares also caught about 45 whiting that ran from one half to one and one quarter pounds.

Capt. Steve Gabrilove of the Sea Hunter called to say he expects his evening mackerel trips at ½ price, to appeal to the after work fisherman. Fo far Steve & Bob (co-captains) are one of the few boats on the Island doing this.

The **Aloma II** ran into some of the first macks on Saturday, which gave fares a time for their money. Then Capt. Paul (Spider) Schmidt put the Aloma II right over the Stone Barge, where fares took approximately 500 blackfish up to 4 lbs. The day ended in Funday Creek, where flounder rounded out the catch. The Aloma II will be concentrating on mackerel now.

Capt. Mike Fay of the **Empire** called to report they fished for flounder on Saturday and Sunday. They fished Fundy Bay and Swift Creek. They averaged about ten or 12 fish per man. On Sunday Squaw Island was the better spot.

ISLAND PARK

Mackerel fishing was a hit or miss proposition on the **Ginnae Mae.** Capt. Henriques also has done some wreck fishing for blacks and ling. A few small cod are picked up.

The charter boat **Miss June** fished buoy 5 in Reynolds Channel and came in with 15 flounders per man.

Plenty of blackfish in the bags according to **Beckman's Tackle** of Lynbrook. The blackfish are starting and were caught at the big jetty at Jones Inlet and Point Lookout. Skimmer clams are the bait and the blacks are going over one or two pounds.

POINT LOOKOUT

The **Angler II** has had plenty of mackerel at the Whistle buoy and buoy 4. The main body of mackerel are still south of us near Cape May said Capt. White. When they do hit into the mackerel the fish come flying in four and five at once but you have to look for them.

Long Island Sea Clam reports some striped bass chumming with clam bellies but whatever is caught in the Point Lookout area is being kept quiet.

Ed's Fishing Station reports flounder fishing very good, with catches in the 1 lb. class. A tub full was toted home by young angler Tom Pietrowski, Rich Lynch, Bill Farrell & Rich Patronaggio. These flatties were taken from Long Creek. Small stripes in the surf at Pt. Lookout Beach. Small, but over 16". To surfcasters worm offerings Meadowbrook Bridge & Pt. Lookout jetty produced 76 blackfish 3-7 lbs. on Sunday on fidler crabs. Mackerel off buoy 2.

ATLANTIC BEACH

Hennings Fishing Station reports flounders in Reynolds Channel into Woodmere channel and the bay. Also along Broad Channel into the oyster beds. Big flounders to two pounders are in the inlet. Striper reports are only rumors with nothing seen or weighed in. Blackfish are starting in along the private docks at Reynolds Channel and at the Atlantic Beach Bridge. All caught on clams. A sprinkling of mackerel at buoy 4 and a fair body of fish at Cholera Banks.

JAMAICA BAY

John Brando at **Crossbay Rod & Gun** reports the flounder fishing is still holding up along the bridges. The fish run between three quarters and one and one quarter pounds. Some blackfish for the lucky fishermen along Beach Channel Drive. These blacks are taking clams. John also says several people have reported striped bass breaking water and some have been caught.

SHEEPSHEAD BAY

Bay End Dock reports plenty of flounder activity in Jamaica Bay for the rowboat fishermen. Some blacks are showing at the Marine Parkway Bridge and the wrecks in the bay, also Manhattan Beach. The piers are also producing flounders and blacks.

Stella Maris reports flounder, black-

Top left, Prince J. Brown of Mt. Vernon hefts 33 lb. cod caught off Block Island on the Peconic Queen II; Top right, Robert Neuguth of Massapequa Park with 60 flounders ½-1¾ lbs. taken at the Four Corners; Bottom left, Richard, Joe and Tony Liquori and Joe Laieta with 42 flounder up to 3¼ lbs. taken out of Capt. Marty's Fishing Station; Bottom right, Ali Wick, Bill Neuman, John Allanasid and Walter Beck with 150 fish from ¾-2 lbs. taken out of Freeport.

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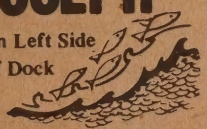

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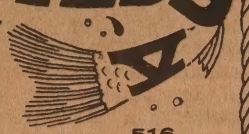

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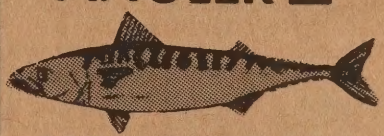

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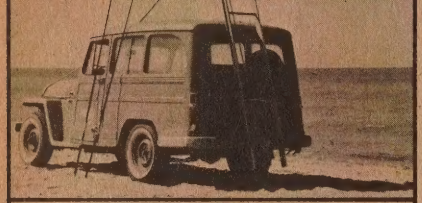

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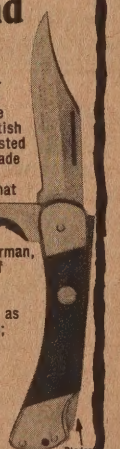

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Kenny at **Salvo's Tackle** reports one of his customers came in with 46 striped bass which he caught in Freat Kills Harbor. Coney Island Pier produced a fine pounder which took a drifted worm. The payoff was a young kid who was practicing casting snapper lures at Sea Gate and hooked into a nine pound striped bass. The sea wall along Ganesend Bay will give up a few flounders if you try hard.

STATEN ISLAND

Good fishing news from this area concerns the increase in striped bass activity and the catching of larger bass. Lenny at **Santo's Sport Shop** reports Great Kills Park is still the hot area. On Thursday Bob Braut had a 16 pounder on worms while on Saturday Guy Gallacci had a 15 pound 12 ounce striped on worms also at Great Kills. All week long bass in the five to 10 pound class were taken. The preferred tides are the last two of the incoming and the first two of the outgoing but Lenny says to try all stages of the tide.

Vin Lamatina fished the Orange House on Friday and had a seven pounder. Flounder action is still holding steady for those who are fishing for them. A good indication of flounder activity is the fact that some striped bass fishermen are being annoyed by catching them. Fishing Great Kills Park, the beach jetty on bulkhead are all producing. The refreshment stand on the beach area is one of the better spots. New Dorp Beach and the foot of Richmond Ave. are also giving up flounders.

Mrs. Ellen Feyer of Cedarhurst poses with the 18 lb. barracuda she caught at Duck Key, Fla. Ellen took the fish on a 17" red Lupo eel. Photo courtesy of Capt. Ronald Lepper.

NORTH SHORE Fishing Report

GREENPORT

Art White of the **A.P. White Bait Shop** reports generally good flounder fishing in his area. The **WILHELRIC & BRAND "X"** got 15-24 nice sized flounder per man, with fish up to 2 lbs. The pool fish on Brand "X" was 2¾ lbs. A couple of black and catches of flounder of the Greenport Jetty. Traps are loaded with mackerel and a few weaks.

SOUTHOLD

Pete at **Port of Egypt Fishing Station** tells of the arrival of the mackerel on Saturday. Ralph De Malteris and party got the first 18, then raced in on Saturday to tell Pete about it, then raced back out for more. They got 'em at the Greenport Jetty area. Sunday the macks were in heavy at Conklin Pt. and east of Brickyard. Flounder fishing is very good at Conklin Pt. and Beixdon & off the Windmills, Rams Head and off the State Park. Mussel bait is best, clam and worm a close second. Blackfish are at Greenport Jetty and weaks have shown in Gardiner's Island traps.

NEW SUFFOLK

Capt. Marty's Fishing Station reports flounder fishing good, with fish now averaging 2 lbs. A few 3 pounders were weighed in over the weekend. North Race is the hot spot now and mussels for bait and chum are the ticket. Rich, Joe & Tony Liguoria and Joe Laieta got 42 flounders and 3 blacks off Nassau Pt. A 1½ lb. porgie was taken N.Y.C.'s Cliff Brown and a 7¼ lb. black by John Dispanza.

JAMESPORT

Warren's Tackle Center in Aquebogue reports there are still good flounder catches to be had off Jamesport, particularly buoys 4 and 8. But, Warren adds, you've got to hunt around a bit more now to find fish. Sandworms, bloodworms, dyed clam and mussel baits and plenty of chum. There are blacks on worms off Mattituck.

MT. SINAI HARBOR

Ralph's Fishing Station tells of good and improving flounder fishing in the Harbor and at Buoy 11 on sandworms and clam. Fish are running 1-1½ lbs. A couple of macks locally, but no details available.

Dick's Sporting Goods tells of good floundering at buoy 11. Chum, advises Dick, who also tells of white perch in Pt. Jefferson Harbor.

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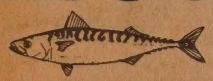

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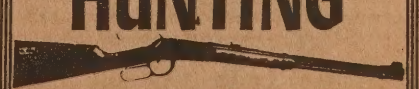

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PORT JEFFERSON

Caraftis Fishing Station tells of lots of 1-1½ lb. flounder, averaging 20 per boat on sandworm and scimmer clam. Mussel chumming advised. A 7 lb. black was taken on Saturday by E. Friedman of E. Setauket along with 30 good flounder at Mt. Misery Shoals, on outgoing tide. A few macks have been taken on flounder rigs. White perch are being bottom fished with worms at the LILCO plant. School bass on the east side of the Harbor on casted bucktails and trolled worms.

Betty W. reports excellent flounder fishing on Saturday for a Transit Police charter, though things were slow in the A.M. due to the N.E. winds. On Sunday, the Lighthouse Fishing Club injoyed excellent flounder fishing off buoy 11. Open fishing has been good during the week, when weather permits.

SMITHTOWN BAY

BEACON FISHING STATION's boats are coming back averaging 20/30 flounder per boat, with fish to 2 lbs. Sunken Meadow, Calahans Beach, State Park & Nessequogue River are producing well on sandworms.

Smithtown Sports Shop tells of good flounder fishing at the Stony Brook town dock. Sandworms are producing ¾ lb. average catches.

NORTHPORT

Bowman's Sporting Goods tells of plenty of flounder action off the town dock and throughout the harbor and outer bay on sandworm and clam. Chumming with clam in a chum pot helps a lot. Stripers at Crab Meadow on bucktails and small plugs, especially split tail Rebels. Blacks in deeper, colder waters on clam and worm.

Greenlawn Sports Shop reports flounders off Duck Island up to 2 lbs. Some macks at the powerhouse on tinker tubes and a 12 lb. striper off Crab Meadow on a split tail Rebel.

Capt. Pete Novellino of the trailered charter boat **"Jennie Three"** did nicely for a 3-man charter on Saturday, 35 flounder, but all 2-2½ lbs.

HUNTINGTON

George at **Four Winds Tackle Shop** reports excellent flounder fishing off Calahans (¾-1¾ lbs.) and Northport Bay and Lloyd Harbor (a bit smaller.) Chumming is very, very important, George cautions. Sandworms and mussel chum. Any moving tide. Bass at Crab Meadow (schoolies) on split tail Rebels, and at Cold Spring Harbor and Calahans on trolled worms. A few macks at the obstruction buoy at Etons Neck. Try Target Rock for a few blackfish.

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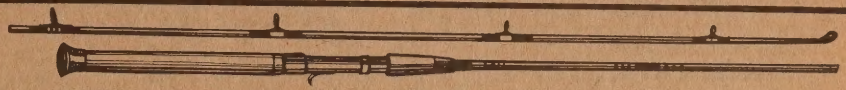

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COLD SPRING HARBOR

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GLEN COVE

Glen Cove Sports tells of ¾ lb. average flounder all along the shore line, at Creek Club, Prybil Beach, all on sandworms. Bass at the powerhouse on small Rebels & bucktails. Stripers at the sluiceway for surfers and boaters tune in on worm trolling rigs. Macks are expected any day.

PORT WASHINGTON

Moreland's Bait & Tackle reports flounder still in Manhasset Bay. Bass too. One flounder fisherman got 4 on worms while after flatfish.

BAYVILLE

Both **Pumps & Norms Tackle** report really rotten flounder fishing, both from boats and beach. Just a few fish per boat, up to 1 lb.

CITY ISLAND

Ed at **Rosenberger's Boathouse** had a lot of his boats out over the weekend and though spotty, catches were fair for those that hit the right spots. The cove at High Island on a moving tide with chum should put fish on the table. Fish are ¾-1½ lbs.

JACK'S BAIT & TACKLE tells of lots of flounder off Robins Neck, the 1st. Orchard Beach jetty and the E. side of Harts Island on sand worms. Fish both sides of the high. Fish are 1-1½ lbs. No chumming being done. The fish are in 7-8 ft. of water. Stripers in Turtle Cove on green and mack painted Rebels.

Capt. Pete Anderson of the **"North Star"** reports fair flounder fishing over the weekend, with the catches running 8-24 per man; the sharpshooters, of course, getting more fish. Northport & Oyster Bay areas were fished. One black was taken off Northport.

Apache III reports fishing is tough this week, with flounder 8-10 per man and a lot of running around to get that many. A few blacks were pulled in which tells of things yet to come "Come on, mackerel."

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NEW JERSEY Fishing Report

SANDY HOOK

Joe Julian at Julian's Sport Shop told us of "millions of flounder!" Everyone fishing the bulkheads, the rivers and off the Ammo pier. Mackerel are running past the BA buoy in a continuous flow. Whiting and ling are available at the Cedars. Although some bass were taken during the week, the weekend proved slow.

SEABRIGHT

Giglio's reported good flounder fishing in the Shrewsbury & Navesink rivers. Small stripers, few of keeper size, are also in the rivers and some along the jetties.

LONG BRANCH

Steven's Tackle reported good flounder action on the rivers. There are reports of yellow tail flounder at the Deal jetties. Striper fishermen are hitting into occasional fish along most of the jetties. At night, whiting are being taken.

CONNECTICUT SCENE

NEW ROCHELLE

Camerons Boats reports ever better flounder fishing. Plenty of fish. All bigger than they have been in years. Chumming helps.

MAMARONECK

Mamaroneck Fishing Station, whose reports are sometimes pessimistic are quite the opposite this week. Most boats are averaging 20 fish each trip, again all good size.

RYE

Point Tackle reports the flounder picture improved, primarily due to an abundance of grass shrimp in the area. Could indicate big bass to come and a weakfish run.

WESTPORT

Ed Boland at the **Westport Tackle Shop** reports the mouth of the Saugatuck River is producing quite well for flounder. Those spots inside the channel, almost in the brackish water are producing even better.

NORWALK

Mola Bros. Bait's Tackle report that the fish are in close there too. Calf Pasture Pier is showing promise with good sized flounder.

BRIDGEPORT

Ted's Bait tells of flounder close to shore at St. Mary's and Sea Side Park. Fish are averaging about a pound a piece.

Sportsman Den reports a rumor of mackerel at Penfield and some flounder at Long Beach. Flats are averaging a pound and an easy dozen a trip.

STRATFORD

The **Tackle Shack** tells of good flat fishing at Russian Beach down towards Skipper's Restaurant known as The Sea Wall.

MILLFORD

Sportsman's Rendezvous in Millford told of fair flounder fishing in the area of Gulf Beach and brings us the first news of blackfish caught on hook and line.

NEW HAVEN

Outdoor Sports reports again of good flounder fishing at the Lighthouse, Savin Rock and Banford

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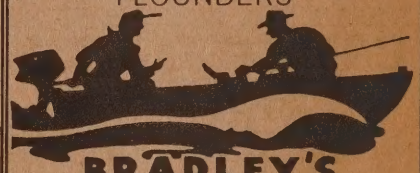

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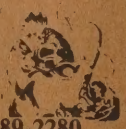

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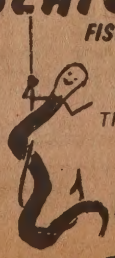

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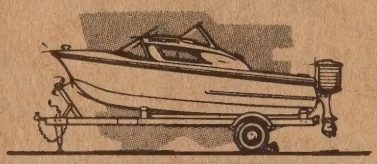

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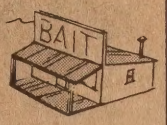

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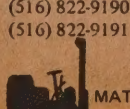
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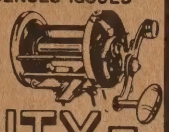

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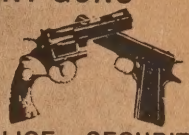

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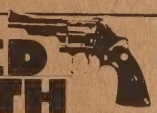

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	SANDY HOOK AM	SANDY HOOK PM	NEW LONDON AM	NEW LONDON PM	WILLETS POINT AM	WILLETS POINT PM	BRIDGEPORT AM	BRIDGEPORT PM
THURSDAY	10:49	11:00	-	12:18	1:30	2:02	1:43	2:18
FRIDAY	11:42	11:56	12:28	1:11	2:19	2:53	2:32	3:09
SATURDAY	-	12:41	1:24	2:13	3:12	3:49	3:28	4:07
SUNDAY	12:56	1:44	2:28	3:18	4:12	4:58	4:28	5:08
MONDAY	2:00	2:47	3:37	4:24	5:22	6:25	5:34	6:12
TUESDAY	3:03	3:50	4:46	5:28	6:57	7:48	6:39	7:15
WEDNESDAY	4:09	4:52	5:55	6:27	8:20	8:52	7:44	8:15
THURSDAY	5:14	5:51	6:55	7:20	9:23	9:47	8:44	9:09

on SANDY HOOK

SHINNECOCK INLET	−0	50
Shinnecock Bay	+1	25
East Quogue	+2	45
Shinnecock Canal	+1	18
Indian Reservation	+3	05
MORICHES INLET	−0	56
Smith's Point	+3	28
Harts Cove	+1	30
Potunck Point	+3	35
Mastic Beach	+3	28
FIRE ISLAND INLET	−0	38
(Inlet.Breakwater & Dem. Pt.)	−0	38
Coast Guard Station	−0	19
Fire Island Light	+0	47
GREAT SOUTH BAY		
Sayville (Brown Creek)	+3	39
Heckscher State Park	+3	20
Bay Shore	+2	23
Babylon	+2	12
Amityville	+2	21
JONES INLET	−0	19
Loop Parkway Bridge	+0	25
Zachs Bay	+1	25
Seaford Harbor	+2	05
Freeport Creek	+0	34
EAST ROCKAWAY INLET	−0	06
Long Beach Bridge	+0	19
ROCKAWAY INLET	+0	00
Beach Channel (Bridge)	+0	38
JFK Airport	+0	26
STATEN ISLAND	+0	27
MANASQUAN	−0	12

on NEW LONDON

Orient Point	+0	27
Connecticut River	+1	10
Little Gull Island (Race)	+0	12
Greenport	+1	04
Southold	+1	43
New Suffolk	+2	26
South Jamesport	+2	32
Shinnecock Canal	+2	33
Noyack Bay	+2	05
Sag Harbor	+0	59
Gardiners Bay	+0	21
Promised Land (Napeague)	−0	14
Fort Pond Bay	−0	29
Montauk Inlet	−0	25
Montauk Point	−1	13

on WILLETS POINT

Little Neck Bay	−0	10
Execution Light	−0	06
Manhasset Bay	−0	01
Hempstead Harbor	−0	11
City Island	−0	03
Rye Beach	−0	28

on BRIDGEPORT

Lloyd Point	+0	08
Cold Spring Harbor	+0	08
Bayville Bridge	+0	13
Eatons Neck Point	+0	03
Northport Bay	+0	03
Norwalk Islands	+0	10
Smithtown Bay	−0	03
Cranes Neck Point	+0	05
Port Jefferson Harbor	+0	03
New Haven Harbor	+0	08
Mount Sinai Harbor	−0	08
Herod Point	−0	07
Mattituck Inlet	+0	19
Horton Point	−0	20
Truman Beach	−0	42

PHASES OF THE MOON

4-22	4-29	4-6	4-14
NEW	1st Qtr.	FULL	Last Qtr.

HOW TO USE TIDE TABLES

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